

E. C. S.
Grandmother

DEATH OF MR WILLIAM BARKER.

The illness of Mr Wm. Barker, "Broomhill" Carlsruhe, unfortunately terminated fatally on Sunday afternoon at "Kimbolton." Mrs Thomson's private hospital in Hutton-street, whither deceased had been removed on Friday, and where he was operated on on Saturday by Drs Dunnean, Groves, and Spring. Mr Barker had been suffering from appendicitis for a little over a week. He had suffered from the disease on several prior occasions, but always made a fairly good recovery, sometimes quickly and at others slowly. His last attack did not materially differ from previous ones. After the fourth day from the seizure his condition had so far improved that he was almost well, and his state up to 48 hours prior to the operation was distinctly satisfactory. At that time, however, it became manifest that an operation would be absolutely necessary. Prior to this, his state warranted the opinion that he himself expressed to his medical attendant that he would recover without operative interference. On the morning of the operation, his state was quite satisfactory, and gave no concern to his medical attendants. The operation was easy, free from complications, and only lasted a short period. The patient's state afterwards for some hours, occasioned no alarm. During the night, however, he suddenly collapsed, and never rallied, dying on Sunday afternoon. The frequency of this scourge was prominently brought under the notice of the public during the seizure of His Majesty King Edward. Medical men, it appears, differ in opinion as to its greater frequency in modern times, many holding that it is an old disease under the guise of a new name. Be that as it may, one is made painfully aware of its frequency through the columns of the press no less than its fatalities. What makes the matter all the more regrettable is that its occurrence is nearly always in connection with youth, adolescence, and not at a time when a good part of a life has been passed. Mr Barker, who was a native of Carlsruhe, was only 36 years of age, and leaves a wife and two daughters, the eldest only two years of age. Mrs Barker is a sister to Mr R. Clarke, auctioneer. Mr Barker was some years ago an officer in the Postal Department. About a year ago he built a shop in Mollison-street, the premises being now in the occupation of Mr J Hamilton, bootmaker. At the time of his death Mr Barker was engaged in, and has almost completed, two imposing brick shops at the corner of Mollison and Simpson streets. Funeral particulars are announced.

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